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Applicants : METZGER

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For : METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION OF MIRTAZAPINE
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Examiner : E. Bernhardt

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants request a three-month extension of time, for which the Fee Transmittal is attached.

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